Distribution of rationed articles in Bangalore City

836. SRI PAMPAPATHI (Davanagere)—Will the Minister for Food & Civil Supplies be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the existing public distribution system of rationed articles in Bangalore City is very bad ;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the public has to stand in queue the whole day in front of the fair price shops to obtain rationed articles ;

(c) the condition has not been improved inspite of complaints in this behalf, the measures taken by Government to set right them ?

SRI MANIK RAO PATIL (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Now the condition has been improved, consequent on opening up of one fair price shop each for every 500 ration cards. In order to improve the condition further, the number of fair price shops have been increased from 830 to 1108. Suitable arrangements have been made for proper distribution of Kerosene increasing the number of shops from 884 to 1219. If necessary few more shops would be opened. The consumers are getting essential commodities easily by the these measures.

Reservation of quota belonging to the Backward Classes

1012. SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Chitapur)—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the candidates belonging to the Backward Classes are losing their quota of reservation in employment for not possessing prescribed qualification ;

(b) the measures undertaken by the Government for providing employment to such candidates after duly possessing requisite qualification ?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Chief Minister).—

(a) No.

(b) This question does not arise in view of reply furnished to clause (a) above.